

EasyMatch® Quality Central Quick Start Guide

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For EasyMatch Quality Central 2026.4 and above



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

To be detected in Quality Central, the instrument must have a valid Quality Central license enabled in Essentials L2 (version 2026.4 or later). For best compatibility, update Essentials L2 to the current version whenever Quality Central is updated.

Before starting, make sure you have:

- A Quality Central license (USB flash drive)
- Access to download EasyMatch Quality Central from **support.hunterlab.com**
- An instrument updated to the current Essentials L2 version. If your instrument is running an earlier version of Essentials L2, download and install the latest version from **support.hunterlab.com** before proceeding. Current Essentials L2 Software downloads are available, [Agera L2](#), [ColorFlex L2](#), [Vista with Essentials L2](#), [Vista L2](#).
- A PC connected to the same network as the instrument

Minimum PC requirement:

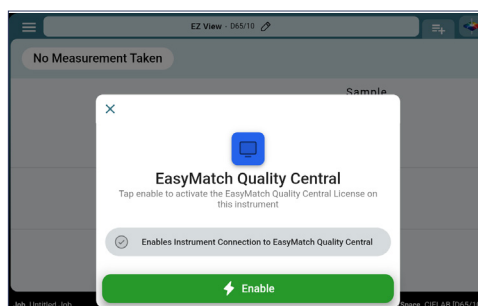
Component	Minimum Requirements
Operating System	Windows 10 (64-bit), Professional or Enterprise Windows 11 (64-bit), Professional or Enterprise
Processor	1.5 GHz or faster, 64-bit processor
RAM	8 GB RAM minimum (16 GB recommended)
Hard Drive	20 GB available disk space minimum (SSD recommended)
Network	1 Gigabit Ethernet network adapter (built-in or USB-C adapter required for instrument communication)
Display	1920 × 1080 resolution or higher
USB Ports	At least one available USB port (for instrument connection if required)
Internet Access	Required for software updates and instrument connection (if applicable)

Note: EasyMatch Quality Central supports ER and EasyGroup when these options are enabled in Essentials L2. See the ER System Validation and Compliance Notebook and the EasyGroup Supplement Manual for details.

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ACTIVATE THE LICENSE ON THE INSTRUMENT

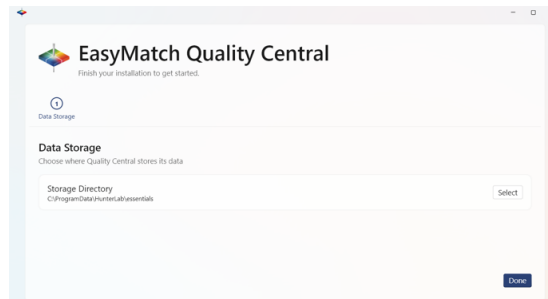
1. Insert the USB flash drive containing the Quality Central license file into the USB port on the instrument.
2. When the activation prompt appears on the Essentials L2 screen, select **ENABLE**.



3. Once activated, the instrument is ready for connection to Quality Central.

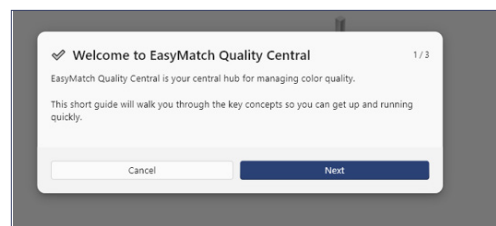
B INSTALL EASYMATCH QUALITY CENTRAL ON A PC

1. Download the EasyMatch Quality Central installer from **support.hunterlab.com**.
2. Run the installer on the PC. Follow the installation prompts to complete setup.
3. Once installed, the first-time setup wizard will guide you through initial Data Storage configuration.



Note: The default data storage location is **C:\ProgramData\HunterLab\essentials**. This initial configuration can be changed later under **SETTINGS > QUALITY CENTRAL SETTINGS**.

4. Launch **EasyMatch Quality Central** after installation completes. A welcome wizard will guide you through the key concepts.



5. Ensure both the PC and instrument are connected to the same network.

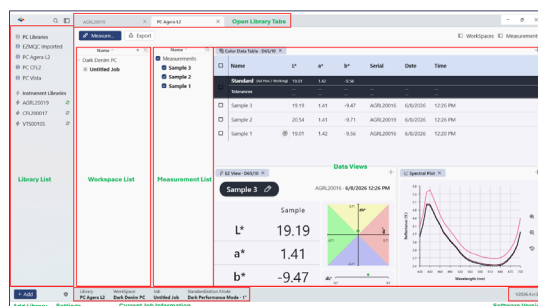
Note: The instrument and PC can be connected through an existing network, a local router/switch, or directly via an Ethernet cable.

C UNDERSTAND THE MAIN WINDOW

The Quality Central window has four main areas.

- **Library List** — Displays PC and Instrument libraries.
- **WorkSpace List** — Displays WorkSpaces and Jobs within the selected library.
- **Measurement List** — Displays measurement names from the selected Job.
- **Data Views** — Displays selected measurement data in views such as EZ View, Color Data Table, Spectral Plot, Spectral Data Table, Color Plot, and Sample Image.

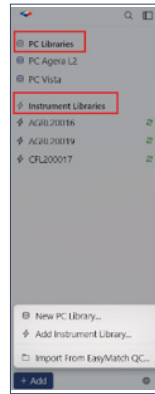
When a Job is opened, the **Measure** and **Export** buttons become available when applicable.



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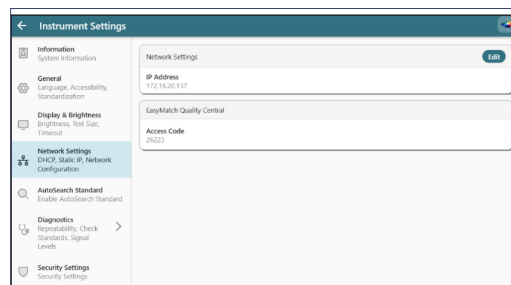
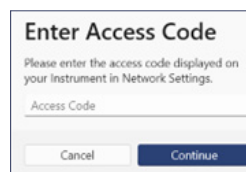
Click **+ Add** and choose one option:

- **New Local Library / Import From EasyMatch QC** — Creates a **PC Library**. Data is stored on the PC and is not saved back to the instrument.
- **Connect an Instrument** — Adds an **Instrument Library**. Data is stored on the instrument and synchronized to Quality Central.

**E****INSTRUMENT LIBRARIES**

Use an Instrument Library to work with data stored on an Essentials L2 instrument.

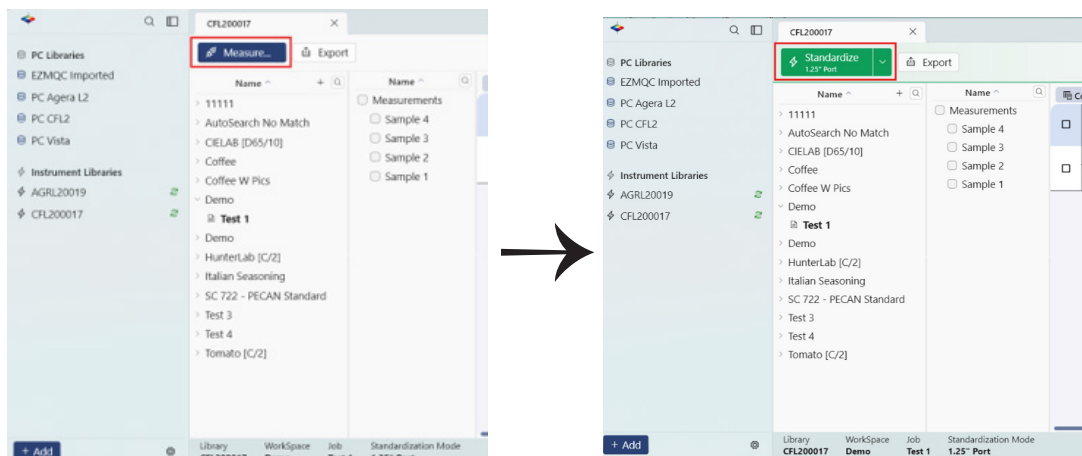
1. Click **Add Instrument Library** in **+Add** list. All available instruments on the network will be listed. Click one to connect.
2. If prompted **Enter Access Code**, enter the one-time access code shown on the instrument under: **ESSENTIALS L2 SYSTEM MENU > INSTRUMENT SETTINGS > NETWORK SETTINGS**.



3. Wait for Quality Central to sync the instrument data. The initial sync may take a while depending on the amount of data.

Note: The instrument and PC can be connected through an existing network, a local router/switch, or directly via an Ethernet cable.

4. Double-click to open a job. The **Measure** button becomes available and changes from gray to blue. Click **Measure** to connect to the instrument. Once connected, the button turns green. Use the green **Measure** button to run standardization and measurements.



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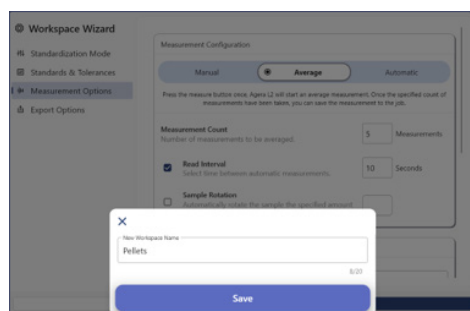
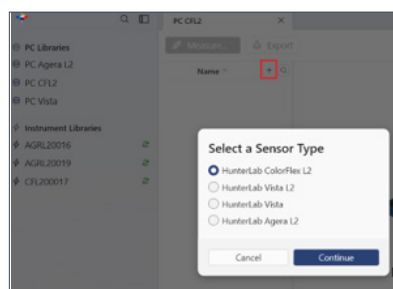
PC LIBRARY

Use a PC Library to store WorkSpaces, Jobs, and measurements on the PC.

1. Click **+ Add > New Local Library** or **Import From EasyMatch QC**. The library will appear in the sidebar.

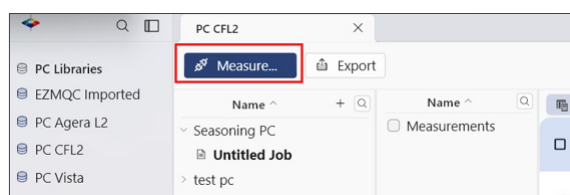
Note: When importing from EasyMatch QC, each standard is imported as a WorkSpace. Measurements under that standard are placed in a Job named **Imported**.

2. Click the **Add** button in the workspace list area, select a sensor type, and follow the Workspace wizard to set up the workspace. Save the workspace with a name.



3. Double click to open a job under this workspace. The Measure button will become available to connect (color change from gray to blue).

Note: If no job is listed, right-click on the workspace to create a new job.



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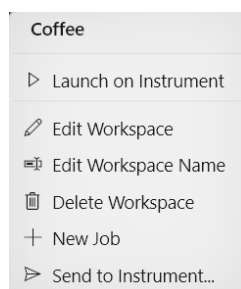
WORKSPACE MENU

Right-click a WorkSpace name to open the WorkSpace menu.

- **Edit Workspace** — Edit the measurement setup in the WorkSpace Wizard.
- **Send to Instrument** — Send the WorkSpace to a compatible Essentials L2 instrument.
- **Launch on Instrument** — Open the WorkSpace on the connected Essentials L2 instrument. This option is available for Instrument Libraries only.

Other options may include **New Job**, **Edit Workspace Name**, and **Delete Workspace**.

Note: Disconnect the measurement session before editing a WorkSpace. For Instrument Libraries, the instrument must be connected to save WorkSpace changes back to the instrument.



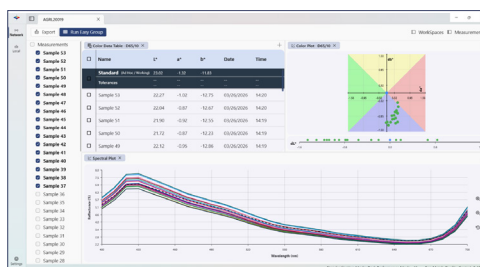
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VIEWING MEASUREMENT DATA

After a Job is opened, select one or more measurements from the Measurement List to display the data. Available Data Views include **EZ View**, **Color Data Table**, **Spectral Plot**, **Spectral Data Table**, **Color Plot**, and **Sample Image**. Multiple views can be displayed at the same time.

To rearrange the layout, drag a view tile to the desired position.

You may collapse the Workspace or Measurement panels to enlarge the data display area.



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DATA OUTPUT

After a Job is opened, select one or more measurements.

- **Copy Data** — Copy data from the **Color Data Table** or **Spectral Data Table** into a spreadsheet.
- **Export as .csv or .txt** — Click Export and configure the fields and format options in the export dialog.
- **Export as PDF** — Click **Export** to create a PDF report using the current views in the Job.

Note: If sample images are included, they are exported as .jpeg files in a separate .zip folder.

For more detailed instructions on using the software, please refer to the EasyMatch® Quality Central User's Manual.

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